

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NAKAMURA et al.

Art Unit: 1632

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
L-GLUTAMINE AND
L-GLUTAMINE-PRODUCING
BACTERIUM

Confirmation No.: 6388

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2006, which set a 1-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, applicants hereby elect **Group I, Claims 1-7**. This election is made with traverse as applicants assert that it would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner, nor constitute a non-coextensive search, to examine all of the claims together.

If Examiner Ramirez believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of

time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned hereby authorizes any fees for said petition be charged to our deposit account 50-2821.

Respectfully submitted,



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